

The Director.

3 April 1947.

Chief, Legislative Liaison Division.

Cost of the National Security Act of 1947.

1. During the testimony this morning by General Horsted before the Senate Armed Services Committee, he was requested to furnish an over-all blueprint of the Office of the Secretary of National Defense, as well as a chart of the proposed organization of the Air Force should the National Security Act be passed. That Government in general and the Army and the Navy were asked to prepare estimates of the cost of the over-all bill. This would also include comparative costs, showing the possible increases. The Air Force did not have any figures to bring to the table.

3. In view of the fact that the over-all cost of the bill would include a figure for the C.I.G., it is suggested that you contact General Horsted, so that he does not attempt to submit a figure for the C.I.G., and so that he will indicate to the Committee the problems arising from an on-the-record disclosure of our cost and size.

2. General Horsted stated that the proposed estimate was submitted mostly as he wrote it, but that he suggested that certain but down estimates in certain of the divisions of the Army, the Marine Corps and the Bureau of the Budget.

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4. In answer to the same question, General Horsted stated that his statement was simply as he had written it, and that he had said with the War Department had had a hand in it or had with my suggestion. He stated, however, that he understood that an information was given to the Senate.

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CC: Executive Office Registry. You might explore thoroughly the Central Records - 2. Estimate must be checked by report being Return to Pforzheimer. Stayback.

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1. The Director.
2. The Executive Office Registry.
3. The Central Records - 2.
4. The Report.